GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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CONSERVATION OF GINGEE FORT
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has conducted any survey regarding conservation of Gingee Fort in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Gingee Fort is included in the UNESCO`s World Heritage Monument list and if so, the present status thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken note of the dilapi- dated condition of the Fort; and

(e) if so, the action taken by the Government along with the funds allocated for repair work of the Fort?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) AND MINISTER OF STATE, CIVIL AVIATION (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a)&(b) Yes Madam. Surveys for assessment of conservation requirements of monuments, including Gingee Fort, are con- ducted regularly by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) based on which required conservation works are carried out at the sites.

(c) No Madam. There is no such proposal at present.

(d)&(e) The conservation work of the Gingee Fort is attended regularly as per the requirements of the site and availability of the resources and it is in a good state of preservation. The final allocation of funds/expenditure incurred for conse- rvation works at this Fort during 2014-15 was Rs. 52.74 lakhs.